

I claim:

1. Keyboard, preferably for cashier registers, with a housing (1) for receiving:

- a keypad (5)
- associated keyboard electronic circuitry (8)
- at least one card reader, with a slot for guiding a card, along with auxiliary components (19), characterized in that:

- the housing (1) is formed of one piece of material to include an upper housing shell (2) and an S-shaped lower housing shell (3) whose backside joins the upper housing shell (2) seamlessly, wherein the upper housing shell (2) supports the keypad (5) and the keyboard electronic circuitry (8) and the lower housing shell (3) contains the auxiliary components (19) that are electrically coupled via plug couplings (15) with the keyboard electronic circuitry (8), the plug couplings (15) extending from the upper housing shell (2) into the lower housing shell (3).

2. The keyboard of claim 1 characterized in that a backside of the lower housing shell (3) has a rising (3.2) into which a magnetic-card reader (11) comprising at least one card reader is integrated, the backside (3.1) defining the slot as a slot-shaped guide (10) for guiding the magnetic card.

3. The keyboard of claim 1 characterized in that a backside of the lower housing shell (3) has a rising (3.2) into which a chip-card reader (13), comprising at least one card reader is integrated, the backside (3.1) defining the slot as a slot-shaped opening (12) for guiding a chip card in this area.

4. The keyboard of claim 1 characterized in that the backside of the lower housing shell (3) has a rising (3.2) into which a magnetic-card reader (11) and a chip-card reader (13) are integrated, with the backside (3.1) forming the slot as a slot-shaped guide (10) for guiding a magnetic card and a slot-shaped receptacle opening (12) for guiding a chip card.

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5. The keyboard of at least one of claims 1-4 characterized in that the keypad (5) is point-supported in the upper housing shell (3) by sleeves (4) and is releasably attached to the keyboard housing (1).

6. The keyboard of at least one of claims 1-5 characterized in that the keyboard electronic circuitry (8) is releasably attached in the upper housing shell (2) below the keypad (5) via further sleeves (7).

7. The keyboard of at least one of claims 1-6 characterized in that the lower housing shell (3) is closed by a cover (16).

8. The keyboard of one or more of the above claims characterized in that the keyboard housing (1) is a resinous-plastic injection-molded part.

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